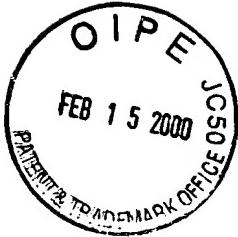


UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: David Elliott WHITTEN.
Serial No.: 09/456,869
Filed: 12/08/99
For: DEVICE FOR SEIZING OF FLAT MATERIAL
ON A TRANSPORTING SURFACE

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

February 10, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated January 21, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed, please find an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney form signed by the inventors.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the surcharge. If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1:136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a
 small entity (statement filed) non-small entity is \$ _____.

1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

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 insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ _____ for _____ total claims over 20.

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Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

3. The oath or declaration:

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 does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

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